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SUBJECT: GENERAL PASHA ON FENCE CONFRONTATION

Classified By: Charge Peter Bodde 1.5 (b), (d).

¶1. (C) MG Helmly, Chief, Office of Defense Representative - Pakistan, met on April 21 with MG Ahmad Pasha, Pakistan Military Director General of Operations, to discuss the April 19 confrontation between Afghan Army and Pakistan Army troops near Angor Adda and Shkin. MG Helmly complimented Pasha on the maturity and self-control of the Pakistani forces and their leaders during the incident, during which the Pakistanis responded to Afghan fire with only warning shots.

¶2. (C) According to Pasha:

--While Pakistan has agreed to suspend all surveys on the fence's possible route until after President Karzai and Musharraf meet April 29 in Turkey, Musharraf is still committed to fencing three parts of the border, including Angor Adda.

--The Pakistan Military chose Angor Adda as one of the areas to fence because of the high volume of border crossings in the region and the frequency of miscreant activity there. Pasha described the proposed Angor Adda fence as a tool to funnel people to formal border crossings.

--Pakistan placed the survey flags that precipitated the confrontation in order to aid participants in the eventual Pakistan/Afghanistan/U.S. military terrain walk. The Pakistan Military hoped the flags would make it easier to visualize Pakistan's proposed fence route.

--Pakistan still wants to go ahead with a terrain walk in order try to reach consensus on the fence's location before proceeding on constructing the fence.

-- After the April 19 incident, Pasha's Afghan counterpart, MG Karimi, told Pasha the ANA had not received any orders to interfere with the fencing.

--Pasha said that President Musharraf had given the Pakistan Military great latitude on deciding the fence's route and the

timing and modalities of construction. Pasha inferred from his conversation with Karimi that President Karzai had not similarly empowered that ANA.

--Pasha bore no ill-will toward the ANA soldiers who fired at Pakistani troops. He described the Afghan troops as inadequately educated and trained. Pasha used his conversation with MG Karimi as an opportunity to invite Afghanistan to send troops to Pakistan for any type of training Karimi believed would be valuable to the ANA.
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